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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 November 2006.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-54 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 27-49 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 8-26 and 51-54 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1,3,4 and 6 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 2,5,7 and 50 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) 1-54 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 8/11/2006.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election without traverse of Group I, claims 1-26 and 50, in the reply filed on 2 November 2006 is acknowledged. The election of "Compound A" on page 182 of the specification is further acknowledged. Claims 27-49 are held withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to an unelected invention.

Specification

2. The lengthy specification has not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 6 recites the limitation "wherein each occurrence of W¹ and W² is independently v". The identity of "v" is undefined. It is therefore impossible to determine the scope of the claimed subject matter.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

Art Unit: 1621

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1, 3 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Rychnovsky et al (Journal of Organic Chemistry, Optically Pure 1,3-Diols From (2R,4R)- and (2S,4S)-1,2:4,5-Diepoxyptane, 1991, 56(17), pages 5161-5169). Rychnovsky discloses (Page 5162, column 2, Table I, entry 7) the compound **3** with R= *tert*-butyl which corresponds to an instantly claimed compound of formula I with the following variable definitions: Z_m= CH₂, m=1, G=(CH₂)_x, x=1, W¹, W² =L, L=C(R¹) (R²)-(CH₂)_nY, n=0, Y= methyl.

Claim Objections

5. Claims 2, 5, 7 and 50 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 2, 5, 7 and 50 are drawn to allowable subject matter. Claims 8-26 and 51-54 are allowed. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The instantly claimed compounds and pharmaceutical compositions comprising them are neither disclosed nor fairly suggested by the closest prior art:

Rychnovsky et al (Journal of Organic Chemistry, Optically Pure 1,3-Diols From (2R,4R)- and (2S,4S)-1,2:4,5-Diepoxyptane, 1991, 56(17), pages 5161-5169).

Conclusion

7. Claims 1, 3, 4 and 6 are rejected. Claims 2, 5, 7 and 50 are objected to. Claims 8-26 and 51-54 are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paul A. Zucker whose telephone number is 571-272-0650. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 5:30-3:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thurman K. Page can be reached on 571-272-0602. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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